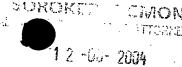
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| | STATEMENT | |

| Novelty (N) | Claims 1-36 Claims NONE | YES NO |
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| Inventive Step (IS) | Claims 1-36 Claims NONE | YES |
| Industrial Applicability (IA) | Claims 1-36 Claims NONE | YES |

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-36 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a system for fuel storage which includes a dual functionality carrier pylon, a single functionality carrier pylon, a stores transfer kit, and that establishes at least one alternative fuel transfer and control path as claimed.

Claims 1-36 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus meet industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

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